# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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COMMUNAL RIOTS IN UTTAR PRADESH
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether communal riots have taken place in the recent past in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have taken up the matter with the Government of Uttar Pradesh;

(d) if so, the number of civilians/security personnel killed/injured in these riots;

(e) whether the Government have identified the organisations responsible for these riots;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the details of assistance provided to the State Government to check these riots?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D.SWAMI)

(a) to (g): One major incident of communal violence took place in Uttar Pradesh in the recent past, i.e. in March, 2001. This incident took place in Kanpur, in which 14 civilians including one Additional District Magistrate were killed and 24 persons including 11 policemen were injured. Some religious places, buildings, shops and vehicles were also damaged. A total of 112 weapons/ammunitions, i.e. country-made pistols, live bombs, cartridges and knives were recovered by the Police and 286 persons were arrested.

`Public Order` and `Police` are State subjects as per the Constitution of India and hence maintenance of public order and peace as also registration, investigation and prevention of crime is the primary responsibility of the State Government. The organization(s) responsible for the said communal violence in Kanpur will be known only when the outcome of the investigation by the concerned agencies is available.

So far as the Union Government is concerned, it shares information and sends alert messages/advisories to enable the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to take appropriate action. Detailed guidelines for promotion of communal harmony have also been issued to all the State Governments/Union Territories. In addition, the Central Para-military Forces are made available to them on specific request and a special force called the Rapid Action Force is also deployed exclusively for dealing with communal tensions.

In the case of U.P also RAF has been provided.